

Around the Nation

M.D. Backs Warren Report, Admits He Erred in Sketch

A DOCTOR whose autopsy sketch has figured in the renewed Kennedy assassination controversy said yesterday the drawing was only a worksheet and that films of President Kennedy's body prove it.

The sketch shows a bullet wound in the President's back, not the base of his neck where the Warren Commission says the first shot struck. Critics of the Commission report say the sketch proves that the shot could not have exited from the President's throat and hit Texas Gov. John B. Connally, and that thus there must have been two assassins.

But Dr. J. Thornton Boswell, who helped perform the Kennedy autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital, said the sketch was drawn quickly as "rough notes" and that his longhand notes with the sketch gave the correct precise location of the wound.

Moreover, he said, he has seen autopsy photos—recently turned over to the National Archives by the Kennedy family—and they

show the wound in the back of the neck.

Asked about an FBI report that the wound was in the back Dr. Thornton said it was simply wrong. He noted that the FBI agents at the autopsy were not trained in medicine.

Dr. Thornton, a former Navy doctor, is now in private practice here.

Sabotage Found

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Alabama Power Co., locked in the longest major utility strike in state history, said saboteurs used chains and rifles to disrupt service to 500 Montgomery area customers Wednesday night.

The Thanksgiving Eve destruction brought to 45 the number of sabotage acts reported by the company since Aug. 16 when 2400 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) went on strike.

A company spokesman said chains were used to cause short circuits at a substation and at two power line sites. The company also said gunshots damaged a

pole-mounted distribution transformer.

Students Protest

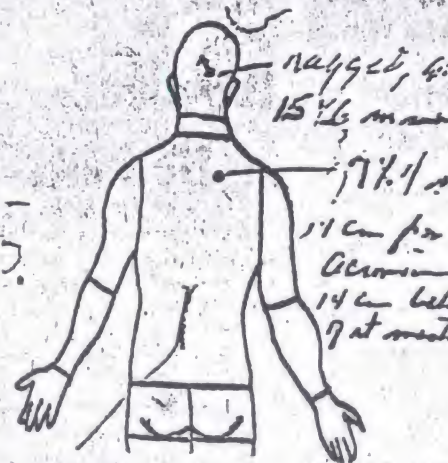
GRINNELL, Iowa—About 20 student leaders at Grinnell College turned themselves in for intentional violation of visiting rules.

A spokesman for the students said the men and women spent last night in three men's dormitories—but in separate rooms—to test what they regard as unduly restrictive regulations. They expect to be tried soon before the student court.

The protest began after an estimated 500 Grinnell students assembled last night to discuss suspension of two men and one woman suspended as the result of an incident in which two couples allegedly spent the night in the men's apartment. Another girl was given a medical leave to undergo psychiatric care.

Millionaire Sued

PASADENA, Calif. — A. Otis Birch, the frail 95-year-old millionaire, who was recently married to his 205-pound practical nurse, has been ordered to show cause



EXHIBIT—A former Navy doctor, Cmdr. J. Boswell, has admitted he made a mistake in the sketch at the time of the autopsy on President Kennedy's body. He said the first bullet wound was at the base of the neck and not as far down the back as indicated in the sketch.

why his estate should not be administered by a bank.

A Superior Court judge set Feb. 17 as the date for a hearing on the suit brought by the Security First National Bank and Mrs. Martha Tullys, a relative of Birch's first wife.

Relatives had charged that the second Mrs. Birch, 59, who was married six times previously and was once convicted of murder, was holding the deaf and nearly blind Birch against his will. But a court ruled the marriage valid.

Cars Fail Test

DETROIT—Officials of a major national highway safe-

ty project said 500,000 of the cars and trucks last summer failed a safety test.

The 1966 National Safety Check was by the Auto Industry Safety Council.

Look magazine's "evaluation of state safety" found an provincial safety record. More than 100 municipalities took part. Faulty lights, brakes, turn signals, exhaust systems, bad defective windshield wipers were high on the reasons why cars failed the test.

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